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LETTER RESCINDING NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

A Notice of Abandonment, Form PTO-1432, was mailed on January 30, 2001 in patent application Serial Number 09/478,921. The Notice of Abandonment alleged that applicant failed to file a response to the Office letter dated June 22, 2000.

On March 08, 2001 the Applicant filed a letter with the PTO indicating that the response had been filed on October 23, 2000, but that the wrong application serial number had been inadvertently placed thereon. The letter included a copy of the response. A review of the application file indicates that the response to the Office letter was in fact filed on October 23, 2000 but was not associated with the file, most likely because the response had the wrong application serial number thereon. The response filed on October 23, 2000 has now been matched with the file. Accordingly, the Notice of Abandonment is hereby RESCINDED.

Any inconvenience occasioned by the delay in associating the response with the application file is regretted.

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